

MEETING SUMMARY
FIRST HILL PARKING WORKGROUP
MAY 4, 2004
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
6:00 – 7:30 PM

ATTENDEES

Tamara Bunnell, resident
Karen Lee Kimber, Swedish Medical Center
Esta Pekow, First Hill Stewardship
Committee

John Stowell, resident
Randy Wiger, Seattle Department of
Transportation

Notes prepared by Randy Wiger

ACTION ITEMS

- SDOT staff will continue to seek a suitable host agency for a petition-gatherer position.
- SDOT staff will continue to implement the remaining Short-Terms Goals.
- SDOT staff will identify locations along Madison for wayfinding signs directing shoppers/visitors to nearby public lots.
- SDOT staff will develop a card showing the location of public lots and bus routes near to Madison, and present it to the parking workgroup for review.

UPDATE ON SHORT-TERM GOALS IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

Bus Zone consolidation on Seneca - Implementation Matrix Line 12

Metro has reviewed the request to consolidate bus zones on the north side of Seneca at Minor and at Terry Avenue. Although these two bus zones are just over one block apart, both bus stops are heavily used to the point where eliminating one is not desirable. However, Metro notes that the two bus zones on the south side of Seneca at Summit and at Boylston could be combined. The removal of one of these bus zones would allow on-street parking spaces to be added in its place.

Replace load zones with meters on Boylston at Seneca - Implementation Matrix Line 13

The request for this change has been given to SDOT's Curb Space management unit. Work crews will make this change as soon as their schedule allows.

Explore installing angle parking on Terry - Implementation Matrix Line 16

This is adjacent to Virginia Mason Lindeman Pavilion on Terry Avenue between Seneca and University. SDOT will contact Virginia Mason to explore this proposal.

Install wayfinding signs for parking lots off Madison - Implementation Matrix Line 22

SDOT staff will identify locations on Madison for parking wayfinding and process the work order.

Create Yesler Terrace parking map - Implementation Matrix Line 28

SDOT staff will work with Yesler Terrace Community Council and Seattle Housing Authority to create a multi-lingual map of the Yesler Terrace area showing on-street parking regulations.

RPZ-RELATED AND TIME RESTRICTION IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

Randy indicated that the first couple of groups he contacted about hosting the Zone 7 petition-gatherer position have not been able to host this position, but he will continue trying to find a group to do so. The workgroup engaged in a discussion that stressed the need for adding eligible blocks to the RPZ and for extending the hours of the RPZ into the evening.

OTHER ITEMS

Parking lots: As part of installing wayfinding signs to public lots along Madison, the workgroup considered developing a card showing the locations of off-street public lots within a block or two of Madison on one side, and bus routes in the same area on the other. There was some discussion of whether this would promote driving. It was noted that some people already drive to the businesses on Madison, and this card would help them locate off-street parking, which could free up some of the on-street parking spaces. Randy will develop a draft of this card and the workgroup will review it before a final version is released. The workgroup came up with a list of the public lots they know of (included at the end of these meeting notes). Randy will confirm the location of these.

Flexcar: Some workgroup members were interested in knowing if a Flexcar has been located in the south end of First Hill. It has and is on the east side of Terry Avenue just north of Alder St. The workgroup expressed interest in having a general notice go out to First Hill residents about this new resource. Randy suggested that could be part of the "Outreach and Education" project for First Hill (this incorporates several Short-Term Goals).

NEXT MEETING

The workgroup agreed to shift the workgroup meetings to an "as needed" basis in place of a regular monthly meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 6 at the First Baptist Church. Randy will contact workgroup members in advance of this date to determine if there is a need to meet or whether to reschedule to later month.

Meeting Adjourned

Public Parking Lots along Madison (b/t I-5 and Broadway)

Confirmed on July 2, 2004

The location description identifies the entrance to the lot:

1. On Broadway (west side) b/t Madison & Marion: at the Alcoa building (Swedish).
2. On Boylston (east side) b/t Madison & Spring: There are 2 lots side-by-side run by different operators (behind Money Tree business on Madison).
3. On Boylston (west side) b/t Madison & Marion, and at the Summit Avenue extension at Madison (south side): these are the 2 entrances to the lot under the Nordstrom Tower run by Swedish.
4. On Marion (south side) b/t Boylston & Summit (Swedish).
5. On Summit (west side) b/t Spring & Seneca: next to the south end of the Tuscany Apts.
6. On Summit (east side) b/t Madison & Spring: underground public parking at the First Hill Plaza building.
7. On Minor (east side) b/t Madison & Marion: south side of the Bank of America building.
8. On Marion (north side) b/t Boren & Minor, and on Minor b/t Madison & Marion (west side): these are the 2 entrances to the "Madison & Minor Garage" (1101 Madison building) run by Swedish.
9. On Marion (north side) b/t Boren & Terry: at the Cabrini Medical Tower.
10. On Terry Avenue (east side) b/t Madison & Spring: just north of the Bean Collection coffee and deli.